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1. FRG EMBASSY OFFICER AND VISITING US BUSINESSMAN REPORT
THAT GOI OFFICIALS, OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED, HAVE TOLD THEM
THAT IRAQI PRESIDENT BAKR HAS ON HIS DESK DECREE PROHIB-
ITING GOI AGENCIES FROM HAVING ANY DEALINGS WITH US FIRMS.
INTENDED AS A PROTEST AGAINST NEW US ANTI-BOYCOTT
LEGISLATION, THE DECREE WILL BE SIGNED AS SOON AS
US LEGISLATION BECOMES LAW.

2. COMMENT: NEW ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION WILL PROBABLY PROMPT SHARP IRAQI REACTION. IRAQIS WOULD BE CAPABLE OF IMPOSING FLAT BAN ON ALL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND DECREE, AS DESCRIBED, WOULD IN EFFECT REVOKE 1973 DECREE ALLOWING U.S. (AND WEST GERMAN) FIRMS TO OPERATE AGAIN IN IRAQ. IN LONGER RUN, IRAQIS WILL PROBABLY FIGURE OUT A WAY TO CONTINUE TO OBTAIN HIGH TECHNOLOGY ITEMS THEY WANT FROM US, SPARE PARTS FOR US-MADE EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS NEEDED FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS SUCH AS 1.1 BILLION DOLLARS PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX ON WHICH LUMMUS-THYSSEN HAS JUST BEGUN CONSTRUCTION. IRAQI REACTION MAY, HOWEVER, COST US FIRMS NEARLY ALL ORDERS FOR ANNUAL COMMODITY RE-SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS WHICH GOI CAN EASILY OBTAIN FROM ALTERNATIVE SOURCES. REACTION COULD ALSO DECISIVELY AFFECT PROJECTS OR CONTRACTS IN WHICH FOLLOWING US FIRMS ARE INTERESTED: GE, NEGOTIATING FOR SALE OF LOCOMOTIVES (ESTIMATED VALUE: 50 MILLION DOLLARS); CRS DESIGN ASSOCIATES AND PERKINS & WILL, BOTH OF WHOM ARE SHORTLISTED FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (EVENTUAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: 500 MILLION DOLLARS); HARZA ENGINEERING, WHICH HAS BEEN INVITED TO BID FOR DESIGN OF BEKHME DAM ON GREATER ZAB RIVER IN KURDISTAN (ESTIMATED COST OF DAM: ONE BILLION DOLLARS); ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS WORLD CORPORATION AND OTHER US FIRMS INTERESTED IN GOI PROJECT TO DESIGN SYSTEM TO FOLLOW STATUS OF IRAQI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

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IF DECREE PROVES REAL, IT MAY STAND IN SHARP RELIEF AGAINST OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY IRAQI FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, NOW REPORTEDLY AT PRINTERS.

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